SUBJECT No. 432.

Court fees on maintenance suits, etc.

(a) Messrs. H. Venkataramaiya, Y. Rama Rao and Karnik Nallappa, Tumkur municipality.

(b) Messrs. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk, and Rudrappa, Chikballapur municipality.

Summary of Representation.—(*a*) Court fees may be exempted when such maintenance suits, filed in *forma pauperis* are compromised out of court, just as in the case of a suit decided before the framing of the issues. (The court fee is the first charge on any money which the plaintiff may get under the decree, and so, will work as a great hardship on the poor plaintiff.)

(*b*) When pauper suits are settled by agreement of parties, court fee may be ordered to be levied on the amount for which it is so settled.

SUBJECT No. 433.

Levy of a maximum stamp fee of 8 annas on copies of depositions, etc.

Messrs. H. Venkataramaiya, Y. Rama Rao and Karnik Nallappa, Tumkur municipality.

Summary of Representation.—The levy of a maximum stamp fee of 8 annas only on every authenticated copy of a deposition or a document, just as in the case of judgments, is prayed for. The levy of a stamp fee of 8 annas on every 360 words of a deposition or a document, works as a great hardship.

SUBJECT No. 434.

Attachment of property of a judgment-debtor by a decree-holder.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Doddapayanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of Representation.—For the recovery of decree amount, the decree-holder attaches the property of judgment-debtor. For some reason or other, the attached property will be released. This affords a good opportunity for the judgment-debtor to dispose of his property, and the decree-holder is apt to lose his amount. In order to remedy this evil, it is prayed that the old practice of allowing the attachment of property to be in force till the decree amount is recovered, may kindly be revived.

SUBJECT No. 435.

Civil court decrees for debts.

Messrs Chikkaguruva Reddi and Veerappa Reddi, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The present system of granting a preliminary decree in cases of debts and allowing three or four months' time to the debtor before the final decree is passed on the application of the creditors entails great loss to the plaintiff and gives room to the defendant to dispose off his properties in the meanwhile. It is prayed therefore, that preliminary decree may be done away with altogether.

SUBJECT No. 436.

Rules under the Civil Procedure Code.

Mr. U. S. Shiva Rao, Chikmagalur municipality.

Summary of Representation.—Unnecessary delay is now caused by the practice of some courts in ordering notices to judgment-debtors and also summonses to encumbrancers of the attached properties before the order for sale is made. This procedure further entails heavy expense and at times loss to the parties. Definite rules in the matter may be framed early.

SUBJECT No. 437.

Batta to witnesses attending criminal courts.

Messrs. Chennakesava Rao, Koppa taluk, and Venkataramanaiya, Channapatna taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Witnesses attending criminal courts may be allowed batta like those attending civil courts.